

# Local picked for State



**Smiling stars:** local hockey player Preah Hetherington made it into the under 15 State side which will compete at the Women's National Hockey Championships in Brisbane.

## Hockey

**TALENTED** hockey player Preah Hetherington has every reason to smile — she has been honoured with selection in a State hockey team.

The 14-year-old will represent WA at the under-15 Women's National Hockey Championships in Brisbane.

Hetherington, who is a South West Academy of Sport athlete, got the news last week that, following weeks of intensive trials in Perth, she had been chosen to represent WA in the under-15s team. She will now participate in the State hockey program in the lead-up to the championships in October.

"Throughout the year I've been given many great opportunities such as the SWAS program and the regionals tournament to better myself and develop my skills," Hetherington said.

"These chances have helped achieve some of my goals such as the State team and I am very thankful."

The championships are a highlight of the Australian junior hockey calendar and will give the young gun the opportunity to test her skills against some of the country's finest players in her age group.

The Collie Women's Hockey Association has congratulated Hetherington her achievement.